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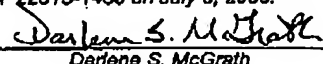
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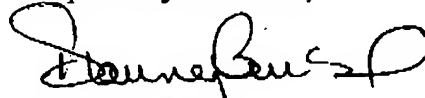
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

1. Response to Office Action of June 27, 2005 (1 page)

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,



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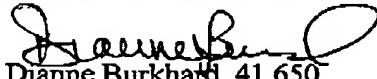
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 27, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 27, 2005, applicants elect to proceed with examination of the invention identified as Group I (Claims 1-24), drawn to a sealing material. If any further action on the part of applicants be required, the Examiner should feel free to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

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